

Appendix D - Criteria for Locations

In selecting the locations for the nodes of development, establishing specific criteria was essential. Of the ten criteria used in this study, ensuring the location was along the Stampede Road alignment, and that the spacing between each site was logical in terms of appropriate distances between locations, was necessary to be considered as nodes of development. In all but three locations, the sites were suggested by the public. Two of the three additional locations were chosen based on the need for logical spacing between visitor facilities. Below is a brief description of the nine criteria used in selecting the locations for the nodes of development followed by a table with locations and criteria outlined:

1. The direction from Congress was to conduct a Visitor Facility Study **along the Stampede Road alignment**.
2. **Logical spacing** between developed facilities is important to provide appropriate breaks to those recreating in the area and also to disperse use/impacts along the alignment.
3. **Suggestions provided by the public** about the historic and current uses in this area and user preferences are a necessary and important element in developing a quality study.
4. Locations with **natural neatures for interpretation** offer an opportunity to increase visitor awareness of and appreciation for an ecological occurrence.
5. Locations with **cultural features for interpretation** offer an opportunity to study today's world by learning more about the historical people and uses of the area.
6. **River/lake access** locations could offer a convenient route to a river or lake.
7. **Trail potential** was a consideration. Desired locations provided opportunities are locations for trail development and use, or areas where a loop trail or destination trail could provide some type of interpretation to the trail user.
8. A highlight to this area has been to catch a **view of Mt. McKinley**.
9. **Wildlife viewing opportunities** are enhanced in locations with natural clearings and near water that could improve the chance to see wildlife.

Location	Location Name	Location Along Alignment	Logical Spacing	Public Suggestions	Natural Feature	Cultural Feature	River/Lake Access	Trail Potential	View of Mt. McKinley	Wildlife Viewing Opportunities
1	George Parks Highway		☺	☺		☺		☺		
2	Eight Mile Lake	☺	☺	☺	☺		☺	☺		☺
3	Savage/Teklanika Rivers	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺		☺
4	Teklanika-Sushana Divide	☺	☺					☺	☺	
5	Sushana River	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺		☺
6	Toklat-East Fork	☺	☺		☺		☺	☺		☺
7	Toklat-Clearwater Fork	☺	☺		☺		☺	☺		☺
8	Stampede Mine	☺	☺	☺		☺		☺		
9	Myrtle-Willow Divide	☺	☺	☺	☺			☺	☺	
10	Kantishna/Wonder Lake	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺